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## Rising Prices Cut Wages; Labor Will Seek Adjustments

### A Roundup:

Labor's pay dropped in proportion to the general upswing in prices during the past few days, and it was inevitable that a proportionate increase in wages would be asked.

Though many feared the lid was off and all hope of preventing inflation was gone, there were many competent observers who predicted there will be no runaway inflation, that prices will level off.

There is a conscious, obvious, national effort to hold prices down. Some local controls were going in, and a revision of OPA was expected in Washington before the end of this week.

### LABOR AWAITING CONTROLS

Meanwhile, labor sat on the sidelines watching the circus of prices. Although the lid is off on wages, the prevailing attitude is to wait and see how effective an OPA can be re-established.

Full effects are not yet felt. When merchants clear their shelves and start selling the new, higher-priced stocks, a better view of the situation will be had.

### WAGES FOLLOW, A POOR SECOND

As always, wages will tag along behind prices, a poor second. The test is really on the American businessman, and if he has the guts, sense and mutual interest to resist greed, the storm will be weathered. If not, the resulting wave of strikes will make the first post-war strike wave look like a Sunday school picnic.

### RESENT RAID ON THEIR SAVINGS

The present raid on their pocketbooks has caused consumers by the hundreds of thousands to swamp congressional offices with mail and wires, much of it in response to organized labor's call to arms.

The shocking, conscienceless price boosts that have been made in many lines have caused Congress to change its attitude on controls.

But the most encouraging sight was the presence of buyers' strikes, both silent and noisy types. They caused thousands of leading stores to advertise: "We will not raise prices."

### LET CONGRESS KNOW YOUR WISHES

AFL President Green urged unions and their members to bombard Congress with mail and telegrams. He commented "Congress is on trial, and the people of the United States will sit in judgment on its action."

Union members should report all sharp increases in prices and rents to the labor advisory committee of the regional OPA office. For Northern California it is: Miss Ann O'Leary, 1355 Market St., San Francisco, telephone Klondike 2-2300, extension 163.

### ADVICE GIVEN RENTERS, BUYERS

Renters are advised they are protected against eviction or immediate increases by state law. If you pay by the month you are entitled to a month's notice before your rent can be increased, a week, if you pay by the week.

Buyers are advised, do not destroy or throw away your ration books. Sugar is rationed under a different law.

### WAGES UNDER WAB, WSB AND CPA

State Federation of Labor Secretary C. J. Haggerty warned that CPA controls are still on. He also explained that while the Wage Stabilization Board and WAB under it are marking time, warning has been issued that any revision made in wage scales which formerly required their approval will probably force a rollback of wages increased if and when emergency price control is enacted.

Regional Chairman T. F. Neblett announced WSB Tenth Region will keep working on all cases coming before it, up to the point of final ruling, which will be held up pending further developments in wage legislation.

## "Free Speech" Not License To Bust Unions, Court Says

Chicago.—Free speech guarantees of the Constitution cannot be used as a cloak under which employers can hide to wage war against unionism in defiance of the Wagner Labor Act.

This declaration was the highlight of a significant ruling by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here in a case involving the R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., one of the largest printing firms in the world with a notorious anti-labor record.

The court, by a 2 to 1 decision, upheld an order of the National Labor Relations Board directing the company to cease its "union busting" tactics.

The company had contended during the court hearings that its activities and propaganda against unions was protected by the "free speech" clause of the Constitution. This argument was answered by Justice Sherman Minton, former senator from Indiana.

He cited the corporation's past record of using labor spies, blacklists and terrorism to maintain its plant as an "open shop" fortress. Employers had to sign "yellow dog" contracts to stay out of a union if lady."

### The Deft Approach

A woman was walking through a Philadelphia railroad station, carrying a heavy suitcase. A sailor approached. Touching his hat, politely, he asked: "White cap, please?"

### Petrillo & Padway



## Wages Have Never Led Prices

Ever since the stabilization program began and during present wage adjustments, the workers have been told not to press too hard for higher wages, for the reason that higher wages would simply show up as higher costs, the higher costs would show up as higher prices, and the higher prices would eat up the higher wages.

The higher wages, in other words, would simply set an inflation spiral going, and the workers, with the increase, would be just exactly where they were without it.

This is putting a heavier responsibility on the workers, in connection with inflationary spirals, than they ever had.

Historically, the sequence is not from higher wages to higher prices, but from higher prices to higher wages.

Before World War One that was typically the case. Since that time the record has been somewhat mixed, but the connection is still predominantly from higher prices to higher wages, and not the other way around.

The inflationary spiral of World War Two is not yet over, and so the connection between prices and wages cannot yet be pinned down on the basis of turning points.

That will probably never be possible, because during World War Two much of the inflation came from deterioration, upgrading and putting out only high-priced lines, rather than from actual increases in price.

### SAME PRICE, POORER GOODS

If quality and price were commensurate, and the higher-priced lines could in all cases be used as substitutes for the old, that would not be so bad. The point is that the higher-priced lines are often overpriced distortions of the old, or designed for other purposes, usually luxury and not utility.

### PRICES ALWAYS LEAD

It, therefore, should be clear that, in asking for higher wages, labor does not start an inflationary spiral, all it does is keep up with the tail end of the spiral.

The only sense in which wages have anything to do with a spiral is that management, having once had the feel of higher profits, after increasing prices, but before increasing wages, claims, as soon as wages begin to increase, that it must have still higher prices to make good the increase in wages—H. W. Brown in "Machinists Journal."

## Rule Hot Cargo Illegal

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Judge Klette of Fresno County Superior Court refused the complaint of the Sunnyside Winery of Fresno to issue an injunction against the Distillery, Rectifying and Wine Workers International Union, Local No. 45, under the Hot Cargo Act.

After lengthy arguments by attorneys for both sides, the Judge ruled in favor of the union, marking another victory in the long fight against the unconstitutional Hot Cargo statute.

Conditions leading up to the court dispute developed after the union started to organize the Sunnyside Winery and the latter resisted and refused to deal with the union. The union then proceeded to picket the employer in order to inform the public of his unfair attitude, as well as to publicize the fact to the various customers and concerns doing business with the employer. A suit was brought under the Hot Cargo Act to prevent the union from conducting what is referred to in that act as a secondary boycott. The intent of the employer was to compel the union to keep the labor dispute a secret from the public which was an outright interference with the basic right of free speech.

In line with the recent epidemic on the part of certain employers to hamstring the unions and prevent employees from exercising their right to collective bargaining, recourse to the infamous Hot Cargo statute was taken by the employer.

The union attorney cited the various and many unconstitutional authorities, including the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States and of the Supreme Court of California, on the right of boycott and picketing.

The Supreme Court Judge of Fresno County sustained the defendant in the complaint and refused to issue an injunction.

### JOLLEY HEADS BARBERS 896; PACT APPROVED

Barbers Union 896 have named James O. Jolley, barber at San Carlos Barber Shop, Monterey, as secretary-treasurer of the local union, it was reported this week.

William A. Choisser, also a barber at the San Carlos Barber Shop, is president of the union. The union now meets the first Wednesday night of each month at Bartenders' Hall, 301 Alvarado Ave., Monterey.

A new contract has been approved for the craft, the approval coming from International President-Secretary W. C. Birthright of the barbers.

Jolley reported that the Monterey Peninsula now is 100 percent union as far as barber shops are concerned.

The United States Employment Services to the States by December 31, 1946.

Soon after the opening of the present session of Congress, Mr. Truman, in a budget message, expressed hope that the employment services would be retained under Federal control through the reconversion period. He was defeated by a coalition movement.

Some Federal jurisdiction was retained under the Senate version of the measure. It provided that employment services must be returned to the States by December 31, but specified that if individual States did not meet Federal standards in the use of Government funds, the USES would be permitted to intervene and establish its own system.

The employment services, under terms of the bill as it passed the Senate, would be under supervision of the Labor Department, but USES would have authority to set up its own programs in States which have none.

### Retail Clerks Sign Salinas Food Industry

All food stores in the Salinas area are covered by a new contract negotiated and signed last week between the employer organization and Retail Clerks Union 899, reports Russell Mathiesen, union secretary.

Organization of retail clerks in the Santa Cruz area will be started at once with a meeting called for this week in Santa Cruz, Mathiesen added.

### Police Protection For Benefit Fund

The State Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board last week put itself in the rather odious position of endorsing strike-breaking and police escort through picket lines.

Whereas the board showed a rather human, decent attitude not long ago by ruling that a worker is entitled to benefits if barred from work by a hostile picket line.

If the Board orders an election and the Bank for any reason should refuse to comply, it may be necessary to resort to public opinion to force the issue. The 1,000,000 A. F. of L. members in California can play a very important part in helping the Bank of America employees to achieve their proper place in the ranks of organized labor.

This case is of vital concern to the American Federation of Labor since only a handful of 300,000 bank employees in the United States are now organized.

The CIO made the issue more complicated by intervening in the hearing and asking for a unit different from that of the A. F. of L. union. Since the CIO produced no bargaining cards, it seems certain that they will not be on the ballot.

If the Board orders an election and the Bank for any reason should go through if police escort him. It neglected to indicate why then should a man seek unemployment benefits if he was thus employed.

But some self-respecting, law-abiding machinist told them he didn't feel right going to work with police, so they denied him jobless benefits. It now remains for Commissioners McGettigan, Kunz, and Johnson, III, to eliminate the police from administration of a public benefit fund.

### Clever Deduction

They laid him out on the station floor, and the cop who brought him in stood by while the doctor examined him. Finally the doctor arose and said: "That man's been drugged." The cop went white and shivered. "That's right, sir. It's my fault. I drug him six blocks."

Manufacturing emigration in February was down 42.5 per cent from a year ago, chiefly as a result of cut-backs in aircraft and private shipbuilding and repair.

## CORRECTION!

An article appearing in the Labor News last week entitled "Bell Laundry Signs; Salinas 100 Per Cent," is entirely erroneous, says J. W. Deer, business representative of Laundry Workers 258, and this newspaper regrets that any wrong impressions were created through misunderstanding by our field representative. The letter from Brother Deer follows:

"Enclosed please find clipping of an article which appeared in the July 5th issue of the Monterey County Labor News. This article is definitely in error and we wish to call it to your attention, so that a correction may appear in your next issue.

"This writer has attempted to ascertain where this article emanated from, without success. The matter was taken up at the Central Labor Union meeting last evening and it could not be satisfactorily determined where the copy for this article was obtained. The article very definitely did not emanate from any representative of Laundry Workers, Local 258.

"As you are aware, misquoted and erroneous articles can be and most generally are very detrimental to the advancement of organized labor as a whole, and especially so to the Union directly involved.

"We do not wish to place the blame upon your representative, but in view of the above stated facts, we feel that in the future his source of information, regarding the activities of Laundry Workers, Local 258, be confined to some duly authorized representative of this Local Union.

"Thanking you for giving this matter your attention in your next issue, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Fraternal yours,

J. W. Deer, Bus. Rep., Laundry Workers, Local 258."

## Bldg. Trades Sign Uncle Sam's Pact

Washington, D. C.

The Building & Construction Trades Dept. of the AFL signed a memorandum of understanding with Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt, signifying its agreement "to use every means within its power to bring about a settlement of any industrial conflict that may arise and to prevent stoppage of work on any housing construction."

The agreement announced Wyatt's setting up a Construction Labor Advisory Committee nominated by the AFL group, composed of Sec.-Treas., Richard Gray, Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers; Pres. William Maloney, Int'l. Union of Operating Engineers; Pres. Robert Byron, Sheet Metal Workers Int'l. Ass'n.; Pres. Edward Brown, Int'l. Bro. of Electrical Workers and General Organizer Thomas O'Brien, Int'l. Bro. of Teamsters.

The committee is to "provide the housing expediter with such advice and assistance as he and his staff may need . . . and advise the expediter and his deputy on labor policies and procedures relating to construction and construction standards."

Wyatt said a similar agreement is being worked out with leaders of CIO unions in construction materials industries.

Gray said labor "couldn't be expected to make an agreement not to ask for wage increases with prices going up as they are," but said he favored "a wage and price control program which would be equitable to all concerned."

Both Gray and Wyatt said they regarded the agreement as an expression of cooperation to solve the national housing shortage, although the lack of price control legislation might cause "difficulties" in maintaining uninterrupted production.

## Senate Approves Bill to Return USES to States

Washington, D. C.—Disregarding the firm opposition of President Truman, the Senate, by voice vote, approved and sent to the House for conference a bill for return of the USES to the States by December 31, 1946.

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## Total Women Workers Above Pre-War Number

Washington, D. C.—Although the large-scale withdrawal of women workers from the labor market has run its course, more female workers are still employed than before the war, according to a report from Miss Freida Miller, chief of the Labor Department's Women's Bureau.

"The number of women in the civilian labor force dropped by 2,650,000 from last August to May, 1946," she stated, adding:

"At least a few seasonal workers among them would have dropped out irrespective of V-J Day. The great majority of the rest voluntarily withdrew from the labor force at the war's end. In fact, only 20,000 more women were reported as unemployed and looking for jobs in May, 1946, than in August, 1945."

London—Since 1927 the Trades Disputes Act has hung over the heads of British trade unions like the "Sword of Damocles." It was knocked out by Parliament this week by the overwhelming vote of 369 to 194, demonstrating the change from "Tory" to "Labor rule in England."

## Oak Ridge Atom Plant



An aerial view of the famous Tennessee atom site where the AFL is engaged in an organizing drive and has requested an NLRB election.

## Money--How It Works

### By Congressman Jerry Voorhis

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## The Brotherhood of Man

By A. F. WHITNEY

## President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen

In one of the darkest periods of American history, when the struggle for democratic sovereignty seemed almost hopeless, Thomas Paine published a paper called *The Crisis*. In his essay, Paine urged the people of the colonies to continue the good fight for liberty, fraternity, equality. "These are the times that try men's souls," wrote Thomas Paine and every school boy, pronouncing these words, has had at least some vague intimation of the profound experience which prompted Paine to utter them.

In the midst of privation and practical defeat, the colonists rallied, threw off the yoke of tyranny and established a confederation of states based upon a new idea. That idea brought forth in America, generation after generation that had faith in this new idea. The idea was betrayed by some, derided by others. But the idea has remained as the basic and unifying element in these United States of America. It stimulated the nation vigorously in 1917 and again during the early forties when this country was called upon to stand by and to help the world in its period of near-distress.

Never has this idea been so seriously threatened as it is today. And today, the peril is infinitely greater than ever before because we have wilfully abused and misused our talent for democracy. Nevertheless, all over the world we are witnessing a remarkable and encouraging phenomena, namely the rise of organized labor as a most important factor in our social and economic life. This has come about because the basic concept of organized labor is the same as that which activates the struggle for Brotherhood and the building of a better world of free peoples. My own organization carries this concept in its very name. We are—The BROTHERHOOD of Railroad Trainmen.

It is my thought that organized labor will carry most of the struggle to attain those ideals about which we are talking. We realize that there is hard work ahead and we are ready for it. Here are some of the things we feel must be accomplished. We must introduce a measure of order into our national and international life. We must organize for full production and full employment. We must contribute to the building of a world security organization. We must outlaw the use of the atom bomb. We must complete the destruction of Fascism wherever we find it. We must insure the freedom of the colonial peoples.

We can help in solving these problems by first thinking of them, not as economic or political problems, but as human problems. We must see them in terms of the largest perspective, the perspective of human brotherhood. We cannot do otherwise and live.

## On Warren's Re-election

It is interesting to note how the big eastern publishers are missing the truth about the recent election in California. They are saying: "Look how the commies have taken a beating! See how the left-wingers failed to stop Governor Warren. Why he was nominated on both the Democratic and Republican tickets, though he is a Republican! Let's get ready to give the working people a drubbing! We can do it!"

Yes, it is true the commies took a beating. There were never enough of them loose in the country to elect anybody. The groups they controlled in the California election gave a noisy, vocal performance but they were short on votes. This, however, does not explain the tremendous victory of Governor Earl Warren.

Here are the facts: Governor Warren has been a good state executive. He has been strictly fair with Organized Labor. In each legislative session he proved himself to be an intelligent, progressive thinker. Not only did he deserve confidence, he won as well the admiration of the great American Federation of Labor Unions. When election time rolled around, these AFL Unions, none of which look to Joe Stalin for political guidance, followed the advice given so many years ago by Samuel Gompers; they worked and voted for their friend—Governor Warren. Whether Republicans or Democrats, the AFL people of California voted for Warren. That is how he won on both tickets.

The California election definitely was not a defeat for real American Labor. It was an overwhelming victory. It proved something else, too, which the big chiefs of the Democratic Party and the Republican Party should bear in mind: the AFL is not in any political party's hip-pocket.—The Washington Teamster.

Who says inflation? Didn't U. S. Steel just buy 190 million dollar steel plant in Utah from the government for 20 cents on the dollar?

## 8 Billions in War Shipping To Be Probed

"Captain Granville Conway of the navy, who retired June 30 as head of the War Shipping Administration, will become president of the Cosmopolitan Shipping Company—at a reported salary of \$50,000 a year."

That news item in a Washington paper illustrates a practice which has often been criticized, but has never been stopped.

Granville is one of many members of regulatory commissions who left to take highly paid jobs with the private interests they were supposed to regulate.

## BILL IS INTRODUCED

His case is particularly noteworthy, because members of Congress have been charging scandalous mismanagement of the War Shipping Administration, which supervised wartime operation of merchant vessels, and the U. S. Maritime Commission, which controlled their construction.

These charges came to a head this week in a bill proposing a Congressional investigation of the two agencies. It was introduced by Senator George D. Aiken (R., Vt.) and Congressman Richard B. Wigglesworth (R., Mass.).

## RUN BY NAVAL OFFICERS

Aiken told the Senate that "reports of the Comptroller General, beginning with 1942, indicate that \$8,007,163,990 was improperly accounted for by the Shipping Administration and Maritime Commission. The reports show gross negligence, wastefulness, collusion and inefficiency."

## REPORTS OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL

Aiken then called attention to the fact that the two ship agencies have been run by Admiral Emory S. Land and other naval officers. Land recently retired. So did Admiral Howard L. Vickery, another wartime member of the Maritime Commission. Now Conway is getting out, and another admiral, W. W. Smith, has been appointed to the commission.

This week, Admiral Smith became chairman, replacing a civilian, Raymond S. McKeough, who has been acting as chairman since Land left.

"Today a new chairman of the commission, Admiral Smith, is being sworn into office," Aiken said. "I question the appropriateness of placing one of the colleagues of Admirals Land and Vickery in a position where he may find it necessary to report that they did not merit the trust imposed in them."



"Now you've got it, you don't seem very happy," Little Luther said.

"Got it?" asked Mr. Dilworth. "Got what?"

"Got OPA abolished," Little Luther replied. "But you don't seem very happy."

"Oh, THAT!" said Mr. Dilworth. "That man in the White House!"

"Another one?" asked Little Luther.

"Yes, son," said Mr. Dilworth, "on rare occasions he seems as fiddish as FDR. Here he's gone and put us on the griddle. We're between the devil and the deep blue sea. If we allow free enterprise—the free market—to operate, he may be able to sweat a new OPA through Congress. If we don't let it operate, what's the use of having abolished OPA?"

"You mean if prices go up, the people will raise hell; if they don't, you're not better off than you were."

"Prices? Up?" Mr. Dilworth asked. "Who said we wanted to raise prices?"

"You did," Little Luther pointed out. "You said ceilings on prices were discouraging American enterprise. You said price ceilings gave you manufacturers no incentive to manufacture. You said it was soocialism."

"Indeed, it was," his father agreed. "But the present situation is worse. We don't know which way to jump."

"If you didn't want ceilings abolished so you could boost prices," Little Luther demanded, "why did you fight so hard to abolish them?"

"I merely wanted," Mr. Dilworth explained, "to put an ad in the paper promising that my self control would keep prices lower than OPA could. Self control is a wonderful thing, you know."

"And how!" Little Luther exclaimed. "If I didn't have it, I'd stay now."

## Wage Board Approves Anthracite Pay Raise

Washington, D. C.—The contract of the United Mine Workers with the anthracite industry, granting an 18½-cent-an-hour increase to 75,000 Pennsylvania miners, was approved by the Wage Stabilization Board.

The board ruled that the royalty of 5 cents a ton on hard coal mined, to establish a health and welfare fund, was outside its jurisdiction and did not require its approval. A similar finding was made in approving the parallel contract for 400,000 soft coal miners, who now are working for the Government.

Clip out and File:  
Official Rules  
National Wage Stabilization Board and Regional Boards

## 4th Installment:

(ii) The National Board may request any Regional Board to refer any non-ferrous case to the National Board for processing and decision.

(iv) All other non-ferrous cases will be processed by the regional Board in which the company's establishment is located.

(b) The National Board will act on all applications affecting wage and salary adjustments of employees of government-owned, privately operated facilities of the War Department.

(c) The War Adjustment Board for the building and construction industry will receive and act on applications involving adjustments in the wages and salaries of employees who work in the building and construction industry as defined in § 801.5 in this chapter.

(d) Any Board agent may certify to the National Board any question in any case, upon which the Board agent desires the decision of the National Board. The National Board may assume jurisdiction of any case or refer any case for decision to any Board agent irrespective of the usual rules defining the jurisdiction of various Board agents.

(e) At any stage of the processing of an application, the applicant may be requested to supply additional data or the application may be returned for correction or supplementation.

(f) The granting of an oral hearing in support of an application shall be within the sole discretion of the National Board or the Board agent.

(g) The National Board and its agents will not process an application for approval of a wage or salary increase which appears to be conditioned in whole or in part upon the granting of an increase in price or rent ceilings.

**§ 802.5 Rulings by Wage Stabilization Directors.** Each Regional Board may delegate authority to its Regional Wage Stabilization Director to issue rulings on Form 10 applications for wage or salary increases within such limitations as the Regional Board may determine. Any ruling issued pursuant to such delegated authority will be signed by the Wage Stabilization Director and any party to an application who receives such a ruling may, within seven days after mailing of such ruling file with the Regional Board a request for review of the ruling. Any such request for review of a Regional Wage Stabilization Director's ruling may be made informally by letter and will be granted as a matter of course. The parties will thereafter be notified of the Regional Board's ruling on the case and such ruling issued by the Regional Board shall have the same effect as in the case of any ruling issued by the Regional Board in the first instance.

**§ 802.6 Stay of issuance of rulings.** (a) Where a ruling is made by any Board agent on an application, any two or more members of the Board agent who dissent from the ruling may request that the issuance of the ruling or any part thereof be stayed pending review by the National Board.

(b) The National Board may, over any case either before or after the issuance of a ruling by a Board agent.

**Cases Arising Under Section 5 of War Labor Disputes Act**

**§ 802.30 Application for changes in terms and conditions of employment.** Pursuant to section 5 of the War Labor Disputes Act, whenever the government has taken possession of any plant, mine or facility under authority of section 9 of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, the government agency operating such plant, mine or facility, or a majority of the employees of such plant, mine or facility or their representative, may apply to the National Board for a change in wages or other terms or conditions of employment in such mine, plant or facility.

**§ 802.31 Filing of applications.** (a) Any such application shall be filed directly with the National Board and shall specify the precise changes in wages or other terms or conditions of employment with respect to which a change is sought. The application may be accompanied by such supporting data as the applicant desires to submit. If the application is filed by the government agency operating the plant, a copy of the application and of any supporting data shall simultaneously be mailed to or served upon any union as collective bargaining agent for any of the employees affected by the application, and if the application is filed by any such union, a copy of the application shall simultaneously be mailed to or served upon the head of the government agency operating such plant.

(b) Simultaneously with the transmission to the National Board of any request for review of a ruling pursuant to this section, the Board agent shall send a copy of such request for review to any party to the case, together with a notice that such party may file an original and four copies of any comments with the National Board. Such comments, if any, shall be filed with the National Board within seven days after mailing of the notice of the case and request for review, and if filed within such period will be considered by the National Board.

**§ 802.7 Reconsideration of rulings.** Any Board agent, or the National Board where it issued a ruling in the first instance, may reconsider any ruling issued by it. Where a ruling is issued by a Board agent in the first instance, the Board agent may, in its discretion, reconsider and modify any ruling issued by it on the basis of a petition for review filed in the manner prescribed by § 802.8.

**§ 802.8 Review by National Board.** (a) Any ruling issued by a Board agent shall be final unless reviewed and modified by the National Board on its own motion, or unless a petition for review is filed seeking review by the National Board of such ruling in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) No petition for review will be granted by the National Board unless the procedure set forth in this section is complied with and unless the petition demonstrates that the ruling appealed from (1) contravenes established stabilization rules or policies, or (2) presents a novel question of such importance as to warrant action by the National Board.

(c) A petition for review may be filed by any party involved in the original application and must be filed within fourteen days after the Board agent mails to such party a ruling denying in whole or in part an application for approval of a wage adjustment, unless the time for filing such petition has been extended by the Board agent prior to the expiration of such fourteen days. The original and four copies of the petition and of all supporting documents shall be filed with the Board agent which issued the ruling and a copy of the petition and of all supporting documents shall be mailed by the petitioner to any other party to the application.

(d) Within seven days after a copy of any such petition for review has been mailed by the petitioner to any other party to the application, the Board agent which issued the ruling and a copy of the petition and of all supporting documents shall be requested to supply additional data or the application may be returned for correction or supplementation.

(e) The Board agent, upon receipt of such a petition for review and comments, if any, may on its own motion reconsider the case and make any change in the ruling issued by it as it deems proper. If the ruling is changed by the Board agent, the modified ruling shall be issued to the parties and shall be subject to appeal in the same manner as in the case of the original ruling. If the Board agent does not modify its original ruling, such agent shall transmit the entire record of the case to the National Board for review by the National Board.

(f) The National Board will make its decision on a petition for review upon the basis of the record before the Board agent and on the basis of the petition for review, comments, if any, and such further evidence or data as the National Board may require. If the petition for review is denied because the grounds for review set forth therein are deemed to be insufficient, the National Board will affirm the ruling of the Board agent. If the petition for review is denied because the grounds for review set forth therein are deemed to be insufficient, the National Board will affirm the ruling of the Board agent. If the petition for review is granted, the National Board will issue its own ruling which will supplement the ruling of the Board agent, or the National Board may remand the case to the Regional Board for such further action as it may specify.

(g) The National Board may, on its own motion, assume jurisdiction over any case either before or after the issuance of a ruling by a Board agent.

**IDEAL EXISTENCE**

**INTERVIEWER** (At Employment Office interviewing a discharged soldier): "And just what kind of a job are you looking for?"

**SOLDIER**: "Oh, nothing much—a nymphomaniac with a million dollars would be O.K."

**ECONOMICAL INTRIMENT**

**A Lawyer named Howe Strange** requested that his family name should be left off his tombstone.

Instead, the following words were to be inscribed:

"Here lies a Lawyer and an Honest Man."

His reasoning was that anyone reading the odd inscription would surely exclaim, "Strange!"—thus automatically pronouncing his name. But his prediction didn't work out as anticipated.

The first to read it said: "How extraordinary!"

The second person to read it asked the attendant:

"How's it happen buried two men in a single grave?"

**THE PHILOSOPHER**

**WIFE**: "What is an optimist?"

**HUSBAND**: "A fellow who looks at his shirt just back from the laundry, and says: 'Oh, well, we needed lace curtains anyway!'"

**TRICKY GARMENTS**

**HENRY**: "I just got myself some Victory trousers."

**JIM**: "What's different about that?"

**HENRY**: "One deep breath and you open a second front."



**YOUR  
CONGRESSMAN  
REPORTS**  
By  
GEORGE E. OUTLAND



On June 20 I appeared on the Town Meeting of the Air on the subject "Is Big Business Too Big?" During my opening remarks I made the following statement:

"American government agencies have turned up frightening information on the extent to which American cartel agreements, particularly with Germany, created shortages on purpose, which in some cases, such as synthetic rubber, and high-octane aviation gasoline came nearer than we think to meaning our loss of the victory."

This question of cartels and the gross international power, economic and political, which they assume is of deep concern to me. It was a problem which threatened our security in war-time and which equally threatens our chances for permanent peace.

What were some of the results of cartel agreements between American, English, German and other big business during wartime? We know that in February of 1941, when Britain came near to falling, a cartel agreement which decreed that an American munitions manufacturer could not supply certain munitions to the British stood, and prevented just that action. The American munitions maker was bound by a cartel agreement with German businessmen:

When the Japanese came into the war and rapidly ate up many of the Pacific islands which supplied us with rubber, we were faced with a rubber shortage which very nearly threatened to keep our planes from leaving the ground, our trucks from carrying supplies and our engines from turning. But could we turn to synthetic rubber as a solution? No; because the especially established subsidiary of one of our largest oil companies which had been experimenting with synthetic rubber had entered into cartel agreements with similar German industrial empires. These agreements included the promise to exchange all secret formulas, allow the use of laboratories in either country to scientists of the other nation, to prevent by every means any other company from experimenting with or producing synthetic rubber. Thus, German scientists had our very latest formulas and they were already so outproducing us in synthetics that we hardly stood a chance. There are thousands of other examples, all of them as much a shame of our big businesses, a drastic threat to our security as those two which I have mentioned.

And what of cartels in peacetime. I would like to quote Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berg:

"It is essential to understand that cartels are, in effect, private economic governments which seek to divide and rule world industry on the basis of economic privilege. If cartels are successful in gaining a foothold in the postwar period, it will almost be impossible for this nation to maintain a high level of peacetime production or to cooperate in the reconstruction of world trade.

"But cartels have an even more serious aspect. These private governments threaten the sovereignty of democratic nations. The political implications of cartel activity threaten to subvert future national

San Francisco, Calif. None of the three anti-labor initiative petitions have qualified for the November election; the Cecil DeMille petition, called "California Political Freedom Law"; the "Veterans' Employment" petition; or the latest petition, filed in April 1946, "Regulating Mode of Collective Bargaining and Solicitation of Labor Union Membership."

Under the law, June 27 was the last date any petition could qualify for the November general election, as the State Constitution provides that petitions must be fully qualified 130 days prior to the regular general election.

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**Green Urges Senate  
Keep OPA Controls**

Washington, D. C.—The imperative need for immediate action to continue price controls was stressed in a telegraphic appeal sent to every member of the Senate by AFL President Green. His message said:

"I appeal to all members of the Senate to act favorably on price control legislation as quickly as possible. The spiral of inflation is mounting. The cost of living is ascending because rent and price controls over commodities which seriously affect the cost of living have been abolished.

"Labor unrest, discontent and perhaps strikes will take place throughout the Nation in event prices continue to mount."

"The remedy for this lies with Congress. I urge you to apply the remedies immediately by enacting temporary price control legislation, at least, without a moment's unnecessary delay."

Unfortunately it is a tragic truth that these cartel empires still exist within our midst. By the cleverness of manipulations, the Germans managed to seem to throw off their ownerships and interests just before the war, so that these interests in other countries would not be taken from them. They particularly used our good neighbors in South America by setting up Argentinian or Brazilian or Chilean holding companies which have watched over the German interests until the war was over. They sent many of their citizens to America in time to become American citizens, to set up corporations which looked American enough, but which are ready, just as after the last war, to once more merge with the German parent when the time comes. Nor did the Alien Property Custodian, the American agency which was set up to take over and manage during the war, corporations, patents, inventions primarily owned by the enemy, do much to break this intricate and dangerous system.

Therefore, just because the war is over, there is still need to do a great deal about this most vicious cartel development. Much of what we have learned about their astounding power has been unearthed by the tireless sub-committee chaired by Senator Kilgore. Therefore, when further knowledge of cartels, and use of this knowledge is so imperative to our building of the peace, is it not a drastic thing that the appropriation of the Kilgore Committee should be cut to the bone?

**2 Superliners to  
Berth in Frisco**

Big liners of nearly the Queen Elizabeth size will be berthed in Frisco Bay, according to announcements of U. S. Maritime Commission last week asking bids for construction of two 920-foot, 1200-passenger, 30-knot superliners. The two Great Circle Liners would be 100 feet less than the Queen Elizabeth, world's largest, yet 200 feet longer than the America, biggest ship built in America, would make the Frisco-Tokyo run in eight days, and would have 3 swimming pools, complete air conditioning, a theater, and a crew of 590.

They will be built and owned by the government, chartered to American President Lines, and based in San Francisco.

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## CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of Monterey County Central Labor Council was called to order by President Everly at 8 p.m. June 28, 1946. Roll call of officers and delegates: 19 delegates were present representing 13 unions. Credentials read for Pete Balestra of Bartenders. Recommended by investigating committee. He was obligated and seated by motion carried. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

### UNION REPORTS

Warehousemen, progress. Laundry Workers, held regular meeting and initiated 9 new members with international vice-president present. Voted to take economic action against Bell Dry Cleaners and Laundry. Stopped work half day and contract is now signed with plant.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Board, met at Carpenters Hall. Matter of Laundry Workers charge against Bell Cleaners studied and discussed. Charge of Sheet Metal Workers against Norman Refrigeration discussed. Sheet Metal Workers were notified to take the necessary steps to organize this plant and now further action was taken. Motion carried the report of this committee be accepted. Auditing committee investigated all bills and recommended they be paid. Veterans Comm. Bro. Barnes reported on Veterans Committee report.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Culinary 467 and Bartenders 545, asking strike sanction against the Hotel Jeffery. Referred to New Business. Letter from Laborers 272 asking that unions do not use the hall for banquets, parties, etc. Ordered filed. Telegram from Wm. Green, A. F. of L., asking all unions to wire President Truman protesting the enactment of the Hobbs Bill. This has been compiled with by the Council and several unions. Wires were sent to House of Representatives for approval of the Housing Bill for immediate action. OPA re-

## AFL Asks NLRB Vote on 20,000 in Atom Plants

Oak Ridge, Tenn.—The American Federation of Labor petitioned the National Labor Relations Board to conduct elections to determine the collective bargaining representatives for 20,000 workers employed by three atomic energy plants here. The petition was filed in the name of Atomic Trades and Labor Council, comprising building trades, metal trades and miscellaneous local unions—combined setup similar to that which represents all the workers at the huge TVA development.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion carried that all bills be paid including telegrams from Veterans Council.

### NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on matter of Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Unions asking strike sanction from this Council against Hotel Jeffery. Sister Boles moved that a picket line be placed on the Hotel Jeffery. Motion seconded by Brother Deer. An amendment was made to the motion that a small committee be named to call on Jeffery and attempt to bring about the signing of this contract and return back to this Council. Amendment to the motion carried. Committee named: Harris, Harter and Andrade. Brother Kenyon gave a report of the reason why the resolution presented by this Council No. 159 was not brought on the floor of the State Convention. In answer to the communication from the Chemical Workers, a motion carried that a letter by drawn up by the secretary at once and be sent to all Central Labor Councils in California. It was reported that Farmers Bros. Coffee and Jergens products were on the unfair list at the State Federation of Labor. Motion carried that Farmer Bros. Coffe and Jergens lotion products be placed on the unfair list of this council in concurrence with the State Federation of Labor recommendation. Brother Kerlyon was asked to finish his convention report next week as the hour was late. Brother Harter reported that

## The American Labor Movement

"The Labor Movement," says Mary Beard in her book, Short History of the American Labor Movement, "is an organized and continuous effort on the part of the wage-earners to improve their standards over a national area. The origin of the Labor Movement lies in self defense in attempts of the workers to protect themselves against the worst ravages of the industrial system as it proceeded, step by step, to transform the agricultural, or feudal society of the 18th century into the urban and industrial society of the 20th century."

## The Joyride!

Reckless spenders were responsible for the last depression, and there can be another like it, or worse. Have you forgotten the selling apples on street corners? Have you forgotten the bread-lines and the people begging jobs at any wages, and the friends who had to sell the car and move to a much cheaper flat? Do you like going on relief, or living on the meager return from social security, or tossing on your pillow wondering where the rent and tomorrow's dinner are to be found?

Maybe fifty million Frenchmen can't be wrong but at least that many Americans are making some bad mistakes with their money these days.

## Washington Senators Sign Union Contract

Washington, D. C.—Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators' baseball club, signed a contract with the Building Service Employees' International Union, Local 82, AFL, which covers the ground keepers, cleaners and maintenance workers at Griffith Stadium here.

Under terms of the contract, the employees who fall in the listed categories will receive a 30 per cent wage increase, one day off a week and annual vacation with pay. John Goodman, international vice-president, signed for the union.

Latest employment figures for the three plants for which the agreement of \$1.75 wage scale for Carpenters would be in effect upon signing of the agreement.

Receipts and expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER ANDRADE,  
Secretary.

## Quits CIO Job Protesting Reds

New York City.—Morris Muster resigned as president of the CIO's United Furniture Workers Union because, he said, he could not suffer "to remain head of a Communist-controlled organization."

His dramatic charges corroborated what AFL leaders have frequently reiterated—that many CIO unions are dominated by Communists.

"Communistic chicanery and intrigue have captured our international," Muster publicly announced.

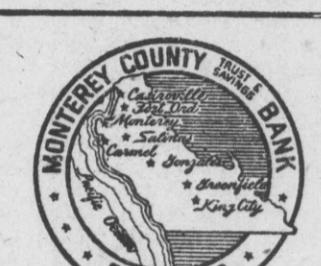
His present plight was foreshadowed when Muster eight years ago led his union out of the AFL into the CIO. He was warned at that time that he was opening the door to Communist control of his organization.

George Bucher, Philadelphia leader of the union, said the issue would be squarely presented to CIO President Phil Murray. Unless Murray agrees to purge the Communists from the union, he said, the anti-Communist group will reorganize the union and take it out of the CIO.

## A Slow Process

"Stage Pictorial" has some reminiscences by Eddie Foy Jr., in its March issue. Ed Jr. says Eddie Sr.'s best crack came one night in Cincinnati when the applause brought Eddie and the Seven Little Foys out for a curtain speech.

Surveying the Seven Little Foys, Pop Foy said: "It should be good. It took me a long time to put this act together."



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